tufted carpet and non-woven carpet is also covered under the TUFS. However, the carpet industry is mainly a household, rural based industry which doesn't require heavy investment on machines etc. The assistance being provided through the existing Design Technology Upgradation Scheme for improvement in tools and equipments, adoption of new technique etc. is considered to be sufficient to meet the present requirement of this sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Textile Parks in Karnataka

3122. DR. VIJAYMALLYA. Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for setting up Textile Parks in various locations in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what is the action plan to consider such request?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has already approved a project proposal for setting up an Apparel Park at Bangalore under the Apparel Parks for Export Scheme.

Recently, Government have announced a new Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) by merger of the Apparel Parks for Export and Textile Centres Infrastructure Development Schemes. The projects not approved or not commenced under the erstwhile Schemes have been given the option to submit proposals under the new SITP.

Quality problem of Indian garments

3123. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of Indian garments has always been a problem for the importing countries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that when it came to the uniform quality of the apparel, China had an edge over Indian exports; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?